



Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee

1st Floor City Council Conference Room Area 'B'

Monday July 8, 2013

APPROVED MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

George 'Andy' Anderson, Lance 'Scott' Garver,
Michael Petersen, Phil Salvatore, Eddie Thomas

Regular Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 5:31.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Michael Petersen, Phil Salvatore, Eddie Thomas, Andy Anderson, Lance 'Scott' Garver

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Captain Paul Wheeler, Karen Harker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Anderson made the motion, seconded Mr. Salvatore. The agenda was then approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from June 10, 2013. Motion was made by Mr. Salvatore and seconded by Petersen. The minutes were then approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Paul Vanderwerf handed out a handout and showed a comparison of the CARF and discussed the graph that he prepared and discussed the notes of accounting concepts that he has discovered. He feels that we declared a state of emergency to get the Measure L passed and are we are not meeting those goals. He discussed the finance directors placing the Parks and Recreation Director under Building Maintenance. He feels that the committee cannot write a report of the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee and not deal with the reserve. The graph showed the 20% deficit the City will see if the City continues to not save and put into the reserve account.

Mike Neel – gave a quote from George Washington. He also “commended the Committee” for their work and feels that the community knows more about the budget and how it works due to their efforts.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Continuation of Review of RPD Budget w/Overhead - Phil Salvatore presented the Ridgecrest Police Department (RPD) Budget from 2008 to 2013 on the Overhead Projector. He showed us RDP plus Street Lights. The committee discussed total sworn officers for years 2008- 2013 and the civilian staff in place. Grant money is significant starting in 2009.... 2012 for the COPS and Burn Grant. There was discussion of the COPS grant and the Burn Grant and how they work within the Budget and the within the Police Department. There was some concern that if Measure L was not into place that they would not have the amount of officers that they do now if it weren't for Measure L. Explained the RDA factor of officers for 2011 and 2012. The RDA didn't have the effect that the committee once thought that it did. It funded two officers in 2011 and only the two officers for half a year in 2012 before the RDA dissolved. The ISF fund was discussed for maintenance of the fleet for police vehicles. Discussed the significant of lower ISF funds in the department. The CAFR Mr. Salvatore could never get it to match between the two, the budget and the CAFR. There seems to be too many factors.

Public Comments:

Mike Neel – Step Grants – Check point grants. Mr. Salvatore stated that not all of the 2013 have been awarded yet. Mr. Neel I have been following these grants and I know that these have been check point grants but saturation grants. I will check with someone who can get the answers for me.

Andy Anderson – I thought that we will be having 2 COPS grants. We will be having these grants in place for the two veterans that will be placed on the force for a period of 3 years. Captain Wheeler indicated that this is correct and that the City needs to provide funding for the fourth year. The committee is concerned that if the fourth year is not covered, would the funds need to be returned for the 3 years. Captain Wheeler was not sure of that answer but could be a possibility.

Scott Garver - The Grants pays for the officers for three years and we have to pay for the officer for the fourth year. If we didn't have the money to fund these officers would we have to give the money back for the three years? We could have a penalty. Wheeler discussed an example of a COPS grant.

Quarterly report

No substantial update. City Council Meeting minutes were not up to date since February. Karen Harker will work with the City Clerk to try and get the minutes updated. Chairman Thomas to be completely honest I was confused by what you wanted. Mr. Petersen went over the chart to explain how the chart worked so that the committee knew how it worked. Mr. Petersen explained that he was going back to all City Council documents and finding either public or council comments and placing them in the chart.

Feel free to send me comments or questions. This quarterly draft is updated on August 28, 2013.

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Andy Anderson – Wants to understand why the extra money of the 100k went to the police department and why the public didn't works department didn't take the money for the streets. It was explained by the committee that the 100k actually was an overlook by the Finance Director and that the 100k went into the reserve.

Phil Salvatore- In the budget process only one paving process is getting done and a lot of design work was being done. Karen Harker indicated that she had sent out a spreadsheet that had work that was being done on the construction side. Jerry Taylor informed the committee that this was just match money for construction projects already programmed but not actual projects.

Michael Petersen – can we get the minutes not read at each meeting if the committee has already read the minutes prior to the meeting. I believe that this would save time. Karen Harker also agreed that it would be nice to have comments from the committee about changes that can be made before the meeting.

Scott Garver – City Council is going to reappoint the two positions, I did enjoy serving on the committee. I have submitted my application to the City Clerk's office and hope that I will be returning to this committee.

Chairman Thomas – contemplating stepping down and I have been thinking how thing will be processed without Measure L. I will know on the 18th. Council stated that they would be here for the committee and show up at meetings and I have yet to see that happen.

SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS

Paul Wheeler expressed that he is happy with all of the members and hopes that they are all back.

Karen Harker just wanted to let the members know that the ordinance stated that the new term would be for four years. This brought on some debate about who had what term limit. Karen Harker indicated that we would need to find out from the City Clerk who had what term limit.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **13/14 budget compilation- Overhead projector**
- **Finance Director**
- **Quarterly Reports**
- **Possible New Appointees**

NEXT MEETING: **July 22, 2013**

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:55